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Lawsuit

From the [NY Times](#): *Over the last few months, University of California officials have boasted that they have admitted the most racially diverse class ever to their sprawling system. They have managed to do this, they say, despite a 28-year-old state ban on considering race in college admissions, known as Proposition 209.*

But a lawsuit filed on Monday by a newly formed group takes aim at the university's efforts, accusing the California system of cheating by secretly restoring race-conscious admissions in defiance of the state law...

Students Against Racial Discrimination was founded last fall by a group that includes researchers and Asian American anti-affirmative action activists. Among them is Richard Sander, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, who has made something of a crusade of fighting affirmative action... It asks the court to order the U.C. system to select students "in a color-blind manner" and to appoint a court monitor to oversee admissions decisions, to "eliminate the corrupt and unlawful race and sex preferences that subordinate academic merit to so-called diversity considerations."...

Janet Gilmore, a spokeswoman for the system's flagship, the University of California, Berkeley, said the institution was complying with the law. "U.C. Berkeley is committed to admitting and enrolling the best and the brightest students and we do so in compliance with all state, federal and university policies and laws," she said...

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/03/us/affirmative-action-california.html>.

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Power, Politics and Management: Lessons from the L.A. Experiences

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 19** for dinner and an informative and intimate **UCLA Conversation with William Ouchi**, who is Sanford and Betty Sigoloff Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, at UCLA's Anderson School of Management; author of the 2003 book, "Making Schools Work: A Revolutionary Plan to Get Your Children the Education They Need" and chief of staff to former Mayor of Los Angeles, Richard Riordan.

This conversation will be led by **Daniel J.B. Mitchell**, Professor Emeritus at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, who has served on the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors for more than a decade. Our reception starts at 4:45 p.m., dinner starts at 6 p.m., followed by the program. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**
- 4:45 p.m.
- UCLA Faculty Club

Open to all UCLA emeriti and retirees. Buffet dinner: \$57 followed by the conversation described above.

Register by Feb. 12 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ucla-emeriti-association-winter-2025-dinner-tickets-1114235200479>

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Friday, February 7, 2025

Protecting the House

From Inside Higher Ed: *The National Collegiate Athletic Association and four states plus the District of Columbia have settled a lawsuit over the association's rule prohibiting the use of name, image and likeness compensation in the recruitment of athletes; Sportico, ESPN and others have reported.*

Attorneys general in Tennessee and Virginia filed the suit last February after the NCAA threatened to



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penalize the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for alleged rules violation. The lawsuit, which also included Florida and New York, argued that the NCAA's NIL recruiting ban violated antitrust law by restricting the ability of athletes to benefit commercially from NIL deals...

The outcome represents a blow to the NCAA's authority over college athletics and could pave the way for a judge to approve the settlement in **House v. NCAA** antitrust litigation. If passed, the settlement would require the NCAA to pay \$2.8 billion in back pay for the use of athletes' NIL since 2016, as well as create a revenue-sharing model in which participating colleges would distribute a fifth of their annual revenue to their players...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2025/02/04/ncaa-tennessee-settle-case-against-nil-recruitment-ban>.

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Smile



From the [Santa Monica Mirror](#):
Standing atop the charred remains of his Palisades home, world-renowned [UCLA] trumpeter Jens Lindemann played a somber yet hopeful melody over the wreckage.

In a video posted to Facebook, Lindemann performs Charlie

Chaplin's "Smile" as the Santa Monica Mountains loom in the background.

The video, which has been viewed more than 1,600 times, captures Lindemann, a celebrated classical and jazz musician, standing on a pile of debris that was once his home...

Full story at <https://smmirror.com/2025/02/world-renowned-trumpeter-plays-on-ruins-of-palisades-home/>.

Click on link below:

Or direct to <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=9980428775304854> or <https://ia600105.us.archive.org/29/items/newsom-1-2-25-new-laws/Trumpeter%20UCLA%20professor%20plays%20Smile%20in%20burned%20home%202-2-2025.mp4>.

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It's hard to keep up



From an email received yesterday:

Dear University of California Community:

With the transition to a new federal administration, we are seeing a steady stream of evolving news and policy updates from Washington, D.C., many of which require careful evaluation. We understand that these developments are raising questions and concerns across our community and may be affecting the ability to maintain normal business

and studies.

As always, the University of California remains committed to supporting our students, faculty, staff, and patients by providing accurate information, thorough guidance, and access to key resources.

Across the UC system, teams are working diligently to assess how executive orders and other federal actions may impact the University, including research funding, student aid, DEI efforts, healthcare services, and more. To support these resources, we have developed a resource hub on federal updates that includes a dashboard of executive actions, key messages, and support resources, including for undocumented members of the UC community:

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/federal-updates>

This site will be regularly updated as new information becomes available and we gain clarity on potential impacts.

In addition to the online resource hub on federal updates, several coordinated efforts are in place to provide clarity and alignment:

- UC External Relations and Communications, in partnership with UC Legal, is systematically analyzing the executive orders, memos, and directives to understand their potential impact on UC programs and individuals.
- UC Federal Governmental Relations is providing daily updates on key federal developments to UC leadership.
- Systemwide coordination among campus leaders is ongoing with vice chancellors for research, communications teams, and federal and state governmental relations staff working together to assess emerging issues and develop advice and strategies.
- UC Legal is offering timely legal guidance in response to federal actions.
- The Office of Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs is engaging directly with international students, scholars, directors, and resource center directors to address concerns and provide support.

We appreciate your patience and collaboration as we navigate these changes. Our collective efforts will help maintain the University's focus of teaching, research, and public service, all of which contribute to positive impacts locally, nationally, and globally.

Sincerely,

Meredith Vivian Turner

Senior Vice President

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Thursday, February 6, 2025

Either it's a hack/scam or an abuse of the UCLA email system...

Hi Faculty & Staff,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to inform you of a unique opportunity that has arisen within our institution.

One of our staff members, Mrs. Wilson Ellen, is downsizing and looking to give away her late Husband bobcat welder generator, Miller machine 951937 Dynasty 300 TIG Welder w/ TIGRunner Pig & wireless Foot Control.

With an original Lishi Automotive Tools Full Kit, (Bundle of 111 Lishi tools Weldcraft-W-280 torch kit and accessories (300990) Coolant (4 one-gallon bottles of 043810) Wireless foot control system (301580) BR (2.4 m) primary cord and snap on tools box with complete accessories.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in any of the equipment I encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Ellen personally. She can be contacted via her private email address which is jewilson138@outlook.com for a swift response.

Best Regards,

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Either way, it's Bad News.

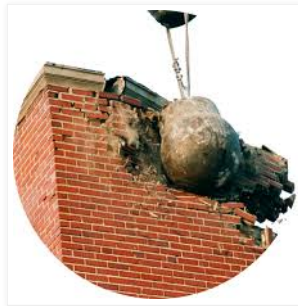
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UPDATE: It has been confirmed to be a hack/spam.

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Demolition



From [Inside Higher Ed](#): *The Trump administration is preparing an executive order to dismantle the Education Department, though the specifics are still in the works...*

The Wall Street Journal first reported that the order could "shut down all functions of the agency that aren't written explicitly into statute or move certain functions to other departments," citing anonymous sources familiar with the matter. Likewise, *The Washington Post* reported that the order wouldn't directly abolish the agency but instead "directs the agency to begin to diminish itself," citing three people who were briefed on the order. Other sources familiar with talks about the

order told *Inside Higher Ed* as early as Friday that the order would at least direct the education Secretary to come up with a plan to break up the department...

Only Congress can get rid of the agency, so the executive order would mostly amount to a messaging tactic. But the Trump administration can take other steps to make the agency a shell of itself, from cutting staff to stopping some programs...

College and university stakeholders worry that abolishing the Education Department could be catastrophic for institutions and students. State higher education officials, university administrators, nonprofit advocacy groups and students depend on the Education Department to oversee federal student aid, manage the student loan portfolio, investigate civil rights complaints and allocate billions of dollars in institutional aid, among other operations. More than 4,000 people work for the agency, which has an \$80 billion discretionary budget.

Several experts have said that any effort to break up the department would likely leave its programs in place. For example, lawmakers and conservative think tanks have proposed

moving the department's federal student aid programs, including the Pell Grant and management of student loans, to the Treasury Department, while the Office for Civil Rights would move to the Department of Justice...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/politics-elections/2025/02/04/trumps-antisemitism-order-leaves-many-questions>.

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